

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3 and 4 to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

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02 3. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1,  
wherein said resistance heating element is formed to be drawn as a curve.

4. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1,  
wherein said ceramic substrate is a carbide ceramic or a nitride ceramic.

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Please add new claims 5-8 as follows:

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5. (New) The ceramic heater according to claim 2,  
wherein said resistance heating element is formed to be drawn as a curve.

03 6. (New) The ceramic heater according to claim 2,  
wherein said ceramic substrate is a carbide ceramic or a nitride ceramic.

7. (New) The ceramic heater according to claim 3,  
wherein said ceramic substrate is a carbide ceramic or a nitride ceramic.

8. (New) The ceramic heater according to claim 5,  
wherein said ceramic substrate is a carbide ceramic or a nitride ceramic.

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the original Abstract on page 29 in its entirety and insert therefor:

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<sup>1</sup>A marked-up of the amendments is attached hereto.